

GEORGETOWN
GAS COMPANY
ACCUSED OF
OVERCHARGES

for Service Connections
"Unreasonable, Unjust, and
Arbitrary," Complaint to
Utilities Board.

Unauthorized Statements Refused
and Work Held Up, as
Though for Spite, Allega-
tions to Commission.

Formal complaint alleging unreason-
able, unjust and arbitrary overcharges
of the Georgetown Gas Light Company
has been filed with the Public Utilities
Commission by Daniel McCarthy, of 2278
N. Capitol avenue northwest.

Mr. McCarthy asks the Utilities Com-
mission to charge whatever it likes for a
service. He presents to the commission
three bills for service connections put
on three adjoining houses in Thirtieth
street northwest. Each of these bills
is different, although in each case
he declares the service was practically
identical. The first bill is simply a
statement of a charge of \$9.85, as per
estimate. Mr. McCarthy says he had
no estimate. He protested, and asked
for an itemized bill, and the second
bill for premises 1310, itemized for
service connection, pipe fitting, labor and
material, was \$9.85.

Work Held Up, Claim.

Mr. McCarthy protested and then had
difficulty he says in getting installation
work in an adjoining house. In the
course of several weeks the work was
done, and he got a bill for \$8, "as per
contract." He declares he had no con-
tract with the company and asked for
an itemized bill, but failed to get it.

Mr. McCarthy asks whether the company
is legally charging the price for pipe
fitting which it claims ownership, pointing
out that the company later house
among its assets in a statement
made in the District Supreme Court seek-
ing increased capitalization.

He pointedly inquired, "Is it entirely
reasonable to charge any amount that
may please the company?" He says
now if there is not some regulation
that would tend to make a uniformity
of cost.

Ready to Prosecute.

Mr. McCarthy declares with his complaint
of the bills rendered to him by the
Georgetown Gas Company, and all
negotiations between the company
and himself respecting the service in
three houses. He says: "I regret
sitting at this length to the Commission,
but I wanted to lay the facts
particular case fully before you.
I think the action of the company en-
tirely unwarranted, and sincerely hope
that there may be some relief in the
bill for accusation of a filing
with the facts and an answer in ten days
will be done by the first of next
week."

The complaint given in detail, Mr.
McCarthy's dealings with the Gas Light
company. He says:

"I am presenting you with five small
children. I made application for gas
service for houses 1308 and 1310 Thirtieth
street northwest. The rental of
high seemed affected by the lack of
as in the premises.

"I was told that the cost would be
one cent per foot, but when the bills
were presented, premises 1308 were
charged \$2.50 for the house service,
while a charge of \$8.50 was made for the
adjoining house, 1310 Thirtieth street.
Each house had exactly the same num-
ber of feet of piping if measured di-
rect from the main in the sidewalk, and
at the time of installation, instead of
making two trenches one trench was
made to do, and the pipe for one house
was in an angular form. I remarked
that at the time and was informed
that the bills were not correct. The
bills were presented stamped. This bill
must be paid before gas meter is in-
stalled. I asked for an itemized bill."

IN CONGRESS TODAY.

SENATE.

Met at 11. Senator Newlands introduced revised
interstate trade commission bill.
Legislative bill taken up.

HOUSE.

Met at noon. Speaker Clark signed the Panama toll
appeal bill passed yesterday.
Work on amendment to House bill
in session, but will be resumed Monday.

Denies Winter Girl
Died Natural Death

Physician Who Conducted First Autopsy, However,
Is Positive There Were No Marks of Violence.

Man at Brickyard Near Bay Questioned,
and Woods Searched.

BALTIMORE, June 13.—"Ella G. Winter did not
come to her death by natural causes." This was the posi-
tive statement today of Dr. Thomas B. Horton, of Curtis
Bay, who made the first post mortem examination of the
body of the young woman, whose mysterious death is
baffling the officials of Anne Arundel county.

Miss Winter was last seen in the company of D. Mere-
dith Reese, jr., whose houseboat she had frequently visited
and with whom she had gone for a motorboat ride on
Thursday night, the night when the tragedy occurred, ac-
cording to Reese.

"I am convinced by the examinations made at the
first, as well as at the second post mortem, when Dr. Brooks
and Dr. Hempel were there, that the young woman did
not die of natural causes," said Dr. Horton. "Whether
she was a suicide or was accidentally drowned I do not
know. From the examination I made, it does not appear
to me that she met her death by force. There were abso-
lutely no marks of violence on the body, despite what any-
body else may say."

REESE READY TO FACE INQUIRY.

"I would welcome an opportunity to
go before the county authorities, now
conducting the investigation, and tell
my story," Reese said today. "But,
so far, I have not been summoned and
nothing has been said to me. If there
are any men shadowing me I do not
know anything about it. My actions
are such that it would not make any
difference to me if they were. If they
had only been there on Thursday night
there would not be this mystery at
present about how Miss Winter came
to her death."

Still Seek Clue in Hat.

State's Attorney Green, of Anne
Arundel county, this morning had Sher-
iff Potee bring to Annapolis the hat
found floating near the second bridge
in Cabin Branch, which was identified

as the one Miss Winter wore on the
night she went to meet Reese. He
wishes to make a further examination
of the hat to see if it will furnish any
clues which will tend to contradict
Reese's story.

This afternoon John Rice, the colored
cook, who was discharged by Reese
and who is held in the Annapolis jail,
will be given another examination by
Green. He declared that the trip
Arundel county authorities that Rice
knows more than he is telling.

Just what evidence the officials hoped
to get from a trip made last night to a
brick yard at Curtis Bay, near where
the body was found, is not being told
at present. He declared that the trip
last night by Sheriff Potee and Chief
of Police Irwin was to interview a Mr.
Rhode, at the brick yard.

It is not expected that the reports of
the physicians, which are now in the
hands of the county authorities, will be
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RANGERS SEEKING 3
MISSING BALLOONS

Struck by Lightning, Aeronauts
Send Carrier Pigeon for Im-
mediate Relief.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 13.—United
States forest rangers all over the Cas-
cade mountains of Oregon, were ordered
today to search for three balloons which
disappeared after starting from here
Thursday in a distance race.

As the hours passed with no word
from the occupants of the balloons
"Million Population Club," "Kansas City
III," and "Springfield," apprehension
grew and many have come down in
some wild region.

The only word from any of them
was brought by a carrier pigeon re-
leased from the "Million Population
Club." The bird carried a hastily
scrawled note from George Y. Morrison,
passenger on the air craft, stating the
balloon had been struck by lightning,
that Capt. John Berry, of St. Louis, had
been injured, and that help was needed
quickly. He failed, however, to give
the location of the balloon.

Expect Permit Next Week
To Raise Freight Rates

A decision, in the application of the
railroads for permission to increase the
freight rates approximately 5 per cent,
will be announced by the Interstate
Commerce Commission next week, ac-
cording to information gleaned from an
official source today.

The general impression is that the
commission will authorize an increase,
but that it will not be as much as sought
by the railroads.

While the President has steadfastly
insisted that would not attempt to in-
fluence the action of the commission,
it is well known that he believes that
there should be an advance in the
rates, this having been indicated indi-
rectly by him during the discussion of
the railroad situation of the country.

Woman Spiritualist
Is Rearrested Here

Mrs. Madeline W. L. Curtin, sixty
years old, who was arrested some weeks
ago by the Washington police, charged
with embezzlement at Wilmington, Del.,
and who was released on account of in-
accuracies in the extradition papers,
was rearrested here today on the same
charge.

It is said she is a medium and spiri-
tualist. She was accused of taking sev-
eral thousand dollars' worth of stocks
and bonds belonging to Edward Inger-
soll Lippely, of Wilmington.

\$2,500 for Garden.

Senator Lea has proposed an amend-
ment to the sundry civil bill appropriat-
ing \$2,500 to remove the fence and wall
about the Botanic Gardens and for such
grading, selling, seedling and seedling
as may be incidental thereto.

Loyal Americans,
World Over, Honor
Birthday of Flag
in a Day or Two

Vice President Marshall Orator
of the Day at the Interior
Department.

FOUR THOUSAND EMPLOYEES
GATHER TO CELEBRATE

Sailors on the Seven Seas
Dress Ship and Salute "Old
Glory."

In a swelling wave of patriotism that
found voice in oratory and patriotic
song, all Washington and the nation
today celebrated Flag Day, the day
commemorative of the birth of the
Stars and Stripes—the national emblem.
Sailors on the Seven Seas, and land-
men in every nation of the earth, many
far from their fellows in distant climes,
tipped perhaps a silent but a reverent
salute to Old Glory, their protection
and their pride.

On the seas, American jacks and
marines, dressed ship and made the
national salute impressive. In the four
quarters of civilization, patriots gath-
ered wherever possible for some form
of observance. This was particularly
true in the capitals of Europe, and in
the American colonies in the Orient.

Vice President the Orator.

In Washington today the celebration
took on an official color, with Cab-
inet officers and Government employees
joining in expression of acclaim. At
two of the big Government departments
set exercises were held, beginning at
1 o'clock.

Vice President Marshall was the or-
ator of the day in the interior court
of the Interior Department Building,
where 4,000 employees of that depart-
ment gathered immediately after the lunch
hour. Secretary Lane presided.

With the fountain in the center of the
velvet green lawn as the center piece,
the court had been decorated with flags,
bunting and palms. The employees of
the department gathered in the green-
ward and ranged themselves about the
granite walls.

Vice President Marshall, Secretary
Lane, and Miss Elizabeth Leckie, and
Charles Myers, the soloists, with other
participants in the program and the
members of the Senate and House, who
were invited guests, occupied seats upon
a platform. The program was prin-
cipally a patriotic song but its most
impressive feature came when the as-
sembly sang the flag standing, and
joined in a hearty chorus in a pledge
of allegiance.

Secretary Bryan Speaks.

At the same time other thousands of
Government workers, headed by Sec-
retary of State William Jennings Bryan,
the orator, and Postmaster General
McDonald, in the great enclosed court-
yard of the Postoffice Department
building.

In many ways the celebration was
unique. The assembly was scattered
in five great quadrangles, extending
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TAKOMA PARK GETS
POSTAL BANK JULY 1

Branch Will Make Nine in City,
With More Than Two Thou-
sand Depositors.

Postmaster Otto Praeger announced
today that a postal savings bank will
be established at Takoma Park on July
1, with Superintendent Charles L. Tau-
bricht of the Takoma Park station,
in charge. The postal business at
Takoma Park has grown to such pro-
portions, since the service has been
organized and extended in that section,
that Postmaster Praeger believes a
bank will prove a profitable institution.
With the establishment of the Takoma
Park branch, Postmaster Praeger will
have nine postal banks in operation in
the city, besides more than eighty con-
tract stations where the United States
savings stamps are on sale.

How well Washington is patronizing
the postal savings bank is shown by a
report accompanying the announcement
of the new Takoma Park office, which
gives the total number of depositors as
2,372, and the total deposits in Wash-
ington postal savings banks as \$28,192.
In addition to this, since the service be-
gan, depositors have converted savings
into postal savings bonds to the amount
of \$15,439.

Postmaster Praeger is preparing a
campaign to more thoroughly popularize
the postal savings feature of the post-
office service, as he has done and is doing
with the parcel post.

Plans 8-Hour Day in
Porto Rico Measure

An eight-hour day for all territorial
employees was provided for in a compre-
hensive plan for the government of
Porto Rico, embodied in a bill intro-
duced today by Senator Saulsbury of
Delaware. Provision was also made that
no child between 8 and 14 years of age
may be employed at any hazardous or
unhealthy occupation.

Stipulation is made that every mem-
ber of the territorial legislature must
be able to read and write either Span-
ish or English, a debt limit of 7 per
cent of the aggregate tax is fixed.

DEERMINING CRISIS
IN A DAY OR TWO

President, in High Spirits, Ex-
pects Protocol to Be Signed
Monday or Tuesday.

RECEIVES LONG MESSAGE
ON START TO PRINCETON

He Is Informed of the Agree-
ment of First Section of the
Peace Plan by Envoys.

PRINCETON, N. J., June 13.—That
the "determining crisis" in the Mexi-
can situation will be reached Monday
or Tuesday was President Wilson's
opinion today.

He received a long message at Wash-
ington as he boarded his special car,
informing him of the agreement at
Niagara Falls on the first section of
the protocol.

The President was in the highest
spirits.

Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo joined the
Presidential party unexpectedly just
before the train pulled out of Washing-
ton.

Envoys Expect Note
From Carranza Today

By FRED S. FERGUSON.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario, June 13.—
The formal note of General Carranza
announcing his intention to send rep-
resentatives to Niagara Falls is ex-
pected by the A. B. C. mediators to-
day on an early mail.

With one of the big points in the
general agreement, providing for the
establishment of a provisional govern-
ment, to be placed in power at the
definitely drawn up, however, it is believed
there will be no delay in the contin-
uation of negotiations.

The protocol drawn yesterday in-
cludes the provision that the Mexican
provisional government, to be placed
in power at a date yet to be named,
shall be recognized by the United
States. The plan is to recognize the
government in the first plank of
the agreement is taken as a clear
indication that on the point to be
discussed in the future approval of
the constitutionalists will be obtained
before they are accepted by the United
States.

It was learned today Secretary Bryan
has addressed a note to the mediators
at Niagara Falls, calling for a meeting
with arms and ammunition for the
constitutionalists before the order
against the shipping of arms from
American ports was issued.

It is now understood the first plank
of the agreement, providing for the
establishment of a provisional govern-
ment, shall take effect as a separate point.
The form of the provisional govern-
ment, to be placed in power at a date
yet to be named, shall be recognized by
the United States.

The next important point covers the
form of the provisional government and
consideration of men who shall be
chosen to conduct the governmental af-
fairs of the country.

Although the mediators have recog-
nized the desirability of having rep-
resentatives of the constitutionalists
in the conferences they have at
no time considered any modification of
the terms under which Carranza's dele-
gates might be officially represented.

Having had no official notification up to
today of the intention of Carranza to
send representatives, the American dele-
gates have not discussed the possibility
of their meeting the constitutionalists
officially.

"Situation Satisfactory,"
Says Secretary Bryan

"The situation continues satisfactory,"
said Secretary of State Bryan today.
"We are making substantial progress
with mediation. And we believe every-
thing is rapidly working toward perma-
nent success."

With President Wilson in Princeton,
the handling of the Mexican situation
is entirely in the hands of Secretary
Bryan. He is in constant communica-
tion with the American Commissioners at
Niagara Falls and also with Charles A.
Dougherty, the American minister in
Mexico, and his cabinet to administer Mexican
affairs pending the holding of a con-
stitutional convention.

While Bryan would not discuss the
question it was understood the State
Department has received assurances
that the Carranza representatives at
Niagara Falls have power to act im-
formally, if they are not officially
recognized by the United States and
the American government.

Secretary Bryan pointed out today
that in the initial agreement reached
at Niagara Falls providing that the
new provisional government would be
recognized by the United States and
the American government, absolutely
no mention is made of any existing
government. Huerta and Carranza are
equally ignored.

The report that serious fighting is
again in progress at Mazatlan. He sent
word that this fighting is the fiercest
yet in the history of the city, and that
there have been heavy losses on
both sides.

The admiral says the commander of
the cruiser New Orleans reports the
federal gunboat Guerrero has attacked
a small rebel steamer near Guaymas,
bringing back to a vacant lot near
Hermosillo one of the rebels and a
few men.

Return Stolen Safe.

NEW YORK, June 13.—Because they
couldn't open it, burglars thoughtfully
brought back to a vacant lot near
Hermosillo one of the rebels and a
few men.

URGES FEDERATION ACTION



MRS. CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT,
Who Made Notable Speech Before Convention of Club Women in Chicago.

LINER NEW YORK IN
COLLISION AT SEA

Sideswiped During Fog by Ham-
burg-American Ship Pretoria—Little Damage Done.

NEW YORK, June 13.—Collision at
sea between the Hamburg-American
liner Pretoria and the American liner
New York was reported by wireless to
the American liner today. The message
merely said no one was injured and
that the damage to the ships was slight.
Captain Roberts, of the New York,
explained it was due to the fog. He did
not give his position, but it was esti-
mated the two ships were about 15
miles off Nantuxet.

Subsequent wireless advices said the
Pretoria struck the New York only a
glancing blow, and as the New York
was at a standstill at the time, the
damage was slight. Both vessels con-
tinued on their course, the New York
to Southampton and Cherbourg and the
Pretoria to Hamburg.

Shipping circles believed that the two
ships did not crash through their
being under steam, but considered it like-
ly that, although stopped in the fog,
both ships continued on their course
and that the damage to the ships was slight.
The New York carried 60 passengers
bound to Southampton. The Pretoria's
passenger list totaled 150.

Officers of both steamship compa-
nies said they were certain, from the
fact that both ships continued on their
course and that neither sustained a
report on the collision, that it was an
inconsequential accident.

Y. W. C. A. Workers
Of World Convene

STOCKHOLM, June 13.—Woman's
proper place in life, in relation to the
family, the church, the community,
the nation, and the world, will be thor-
oughly discussed at the fifth conference
of the International Young Women's Chris-
tian Association, which opened for a
week's session here under the presi-
dency of the Hon. Mrs. Montagu Wal-
grave, of England.

It is the greatest world gathering of
this organization since its foundation,
twenty-two countries being represented
by 300 voting delegates and 500 visiting
delegates.

Finland has sent the largest dele-
gation, numbering 101, and Great Britain
is next, with 98.

Senate Votes \$31,000 to
Begin Cape Protection

War Department plans for fortifica-
tions at the Virginia capes were given
an impetus today in the passage by the
Senate of a joint resolution providing
for the purchase of land at Cape Henry,
Rhode Island, and Cape Charles, and a
third artificial island midway between
them.

Bathing Beach to
Open June 20

"Swimmin' time" is nearly here.
Announced that the bathing
beach will open for the season,
next Saturday was made today by
Dr. W. B. Hudson, superintendent.
Sufficient funds are on hand to
maintain the beach from that date
until the end of the month, by
which time it is hoped the approx-
imate budget will be available.

The news will be received with
joy by the boys who have up to
this time been forced to use the
pools in Rock Creek Park.

SUFFRAGISTS RALLY
TO THE FEDERATION

Sweeping Indorsement of "The
Cause" by Great Convention
Is Looked for Today.

By MARIE MOORE.

CHICAGO, June 13.—With victory for
the "cause" in sight, suffragists from
every State in the Union rallied by thou-
sands at the Auditorium today to await
indorsement of woman suffrage by the
General Federation of Women's Clubs.

"Indorsement by the club women will
advance the cause of suffrage at least a
decade," said Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout,
Illinois suffrage leader. "It must have
a tremendous moral effect on Congress
and the State legislatures. With the
indorsement of 1,000,000 members of
women's clubs, we should win nation-
wide suffrage within the next four
years."

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt's suffrage
address last night was the suffragists'
trump card.

The most significant thing about the
convention's action today was the fact
that the suffrage resolution was secon-
ded by Mrs. Joseph A. Leech, of
Louisville, Ky. Southern women having
heretofore been classed with the anti-
suffragists.

Man Who Arranged Polo
Match Cannot See It

NEW YORK, June 13.—The man with
the hardest luck in all the world, was
the way polo enthusiasts here today de-
scribed H. L. Herbert, chairman of the
Polo Association. For months Herbert
worked night and day on details for the
big match at Meadowbrook. Today he
is ill of ptomaine poisoning, and will not
see a play in the international struggle
which was arranged by his efforts.

Suffrage Bill May Force
Out the Danish Cabinet

COPENHAGEN, June 12.—Deadlock
over the equal suffrage measure is ex-
pected to force the resignation of the
Danish cabinet. The upper chamber
has been dissolved.

Mr. Palle had no effort to get a roll
call, and the entire proceedings were
desultory.

Mr. Monell next moved to instruct
the House conferees to accept pre-
sentially all of the nine amendments upon
which the conference committee had
been unable to agree. He moved that
the House should agree to amendment
No. 28 by which the Senate struck out
the Borland provision for assessing
street improvements against abutting
property; amendment No. 182, appropri-
ating \$33,000 for the John F. Cooke
School, and amendment No. 104, appro-
priating \$25,000 for an addition to the
Fowler School, amendment No. 105, ap-
propriating \$45,000 for a site for a new
school building, and amendment No. 106,
amendment No. 128, the latter being the
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DISTRICT BILL
SENT BACK TO
CONFERENCE
BY THE HOUSE

Amendment for \$2,000 Payment
for Condemnation of Lot
Owned by Senate Employee
Starts Heated Protest.

Austin Argues for Seventh
Street Paving—Entire Meas-
ure Now in Same Status as
for Weeks Past.

The House today sent back to con-
ference the entire District of Colum-
bia appropriation bill, rejecting the
conference report by a vote of 47 to 29.

This action was taken primarily on
account of Congressman Madden's ob-
jection to one item in the bill, that
allowing a claim of \$2,000 for a Sen-
ate employee, but the parliamentary
mix-up is such that the whole bill
stands rejected, and must be returned
to conference, from which it came.

The House was nominally instructed
to further insist upon a disagreement
to all Senate amendments, but when the
conference report is returned, it will be
substantially as it now stands.

Plan For Senate Changes.

Congressman Mondell endeavored
to instruct the House conferees to accept
seven of the nine amendments upon
which there has been a deadlock in con-
ference, and a debate on this proposal
to have the House back down was in
progress when the Times report closed.

Taking up the Mondell proposal in
order, the House turned down the first
suggestion that the House concur in the
Senate action eliminating the Borland
street paving amendment. The motion
was defeated, 38 to 14, which means
that where the House conferees still as-
serted that the Senate had receded
from its action in including it,
Congressman Austin of Tennessee en-
deavored to find out why the seventh
street paving item was omitted, and
Congressman Madden, of Kentucky, put
responsibility on the District Commis-
sioners, saying they had not insisted on
this item, and that the Senate had re-
ceded from its action in including it.

Debate Is Brief.

In sending the entire District bill back
to conference, the House acted so quick-
ly that there was little debate on it.
The Senate amendments which the
House had accepted are rejected. The
direct cause of returning the bill to
conference, which practically leaves the
House in charge of the bill, was the
acceptance by the House of an amend-
ment to pay Thomas W. Keller
and Alice M. Keller \$2,000, for ground
taken and damages on account of con-
demnation in square 1538.

Congressman Madden said that this
claim was outrageous and that the
House conferees should not have per-
mitted it to stay in the bill.

Congressman Bartlett said that Keller
was an old employee of the Senate, and
had had a long association with the
Senate, and that the House was
forced into taking the amendment.

"This is an outrageous snub," said
Madden, "and I hope that conference
report will not be accepted."

Speaking up for the Senate, Mr. Madden
said that the conference report could not
be amended, and that it had to be either
accepted as a whole or rejected.

The Page motion was defeated, 47 to
29, a vote which would have sent the
bill back into conference, and directed the
House conferees to further insist upon
their disagreement to the Senate amend-
ment.

Roll Call Not Sought.

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call, and the entire proceedings were
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revenues into the Federal Treasury.

Congressman Mondell asked a sepa-
rate vote on the street paving amend-
ment, and the House agreed to it. The
amendment was then passed, and the
entire bill was returned to conference.
Prior to this discussion, Congressman
Austin had demanded an explanation of
the action of the conferees eliminating
the \$2,000 item for paving upper
Seventh street. Congressman Page ex-
plained that the Senate had receded
from this amendment, and that ended